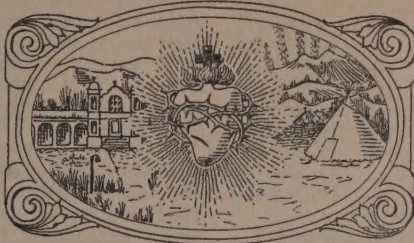


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Our Holy Father, Pius XI, on February 28, addressed his Encyclical—*Rerum Ecclesiae*—on the Missions to the Bishops of the Catholic World. In it he manifests the burning zeal which has animated him from the time of his elevation to the See of Peter for the conversion of the heathen throughout the world and promises to leave nothing undone for its successful accomplishment—entrusted from Heaven with the extension of the Kingdom of Christ, his soul can know no rest as long as there are almost a billion pagans in utter darkness.

He calls for great zeal on the part of the clergy and laity, for constant and methodic prayer as well as for better organized activity, and the more active support of the three missionary societies, the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood and the Work of St. Peter for the formation of native clergy and religious congregations. The Missionary Union of the Clergy is to be established in every diocese, prayers are to be added in public worship for the conversion of the heathen, the prayers of innocent children and of pious religious congregations are to be earnestly sought for; the Catholic faithful are to be led into a deep and active interest of prayer and financial help in such a manner that, interest being deepened, vocations and material means may flow in so abundantly as to supply every need.

Regarding work in the mission

fields some points are emphasized: the need of multiplying the number of catechists so as to embrace the entire territories; the opening of numerous mission stations for the proper supervision and encouragement of these Catechists and their Catechumens; the introduction of austere and contemplative Orders; the missionaries' active interest in the health and welfare of the natives; the pooling of religious zeal so that one Order be anxious to call on other Orders where the territory is too extensive to be evangelized efficiently by those already in the field.

The Encyclical ends by asking all to share with His Holiness the cares and consolations of the Pastoral Office, to pray and to work that the Kingdom of Christ may soon embrace effectively all the nations of the earth.

The efficacy of prayer in the economy of Divine Providence for the extension of Christ's Kingdom is particularly stressed and all are earnestly entreated to implore the Lord of the Harvest that He send forth laborers into His vineyard; and the Good Shepherd that He call the other sheep into His fold. This brings to mind the wonderful apostolate of St. Theresa, who without leaving her cell, converted one hundred thousand souls. If, by fervent prayer for the success of our missionaries, we could bring to the Faith a few innocents like the one below described, what a consolation it would be to the Heart that loves

man—and especially children — so much!

Last Thursday night, February 25, about 1 a. m., I was called to the infirmary to administer the Last Sacraments to one of our Brothers, who was in danger of death from pneumonia. In the adjoining room was a little Eskimo of kindergarten age, whom I had a few days previously admitted to First Holy Communion and confirmed, as he was not expected to live. The youngster, hearing me return to the chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, got up out of bed and followed me into the sanctuary. I did not perceive him until I had closed the tabernacle door and had started down the altar steps. There he stood at the foot of the altar in his nightgown, which he was holding up with both hands as it was much too big for him. "Hello, Andrew," I said, "What are you doing here?" "I want to receive Jesus," he said in a plaintive tone. "Do you love Him?" I asked. "Yes," he answered. "Very much?" I questioned. With a decidedly rising inflection of his voice, he replied, "Bi-i-ig." So finding out from the Sister in charge that he was fasting, I gave him Holy Communion, and he then went back to his bed quite happy. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

This interesting incident is taken from a letter of Father Delon to the St. Michael's Missionary Society.

SACRED HEART NOVITIATE

Father Rector's Day—April 12th, Feast of St. Leo the Great, was Father Rector's feast day, but that day being Sunday, the holiday was transferred to Monday, when the assemblage was made to congratulate Father and to wish him well, opportunity was taken to thank him for his deep interest in the community and for the untiring energy he has displayed in caring for the welfare of all.

Prelates Visit Us—Overnight on April 6, we were pleased to have as guests Bishop McGinley of Fresno, Calif., and Mgr. Crowley, chancellor to his grace. Next morning the Bishop celebrated the community Mass and distributed Holy Communion. The reverend monsignor enjoyed a short visit with his young brother, who is one of our novices

from Los Angeles.

League of the Harvest—Now especially is the time for all to pray for many and good vocations. The boys are about to return to their homes for the vacation and the time will soon be at hand when many will have to make their final resolve. The phenomenal success made last year by the prayers of the League of the Harvest should encourage us in our efforts.

Lecture by Father Menager—Taking advantage of the long periods that had to be passed indoors during a prolonged April rainy season, and with the permission of Father Master, Father Gabriel Menager gave a rousing lecture on the missions. In the course of the lecture, Father did not neglect to dwell on the hardships to be borne in the missions nor did he omit descriptions of their allurements. Our men in the far away places of the missions will see that neither they nor their work nor their inspiration are at all forgotten.

Better Villa Trail—For some time past there has been a good deal of discussion about making another road leading off our property so as to avoid Jones's Hill on the way to and from our villa. The walk to the villa will be far more enjoyable in the future because the new way is not so steep and is much more picturesque and scenic than the old, following, as it does, along the creek bottom for a considerable distance.

Something New — The blossoms have gone from the valley; May poems bedeck our shrine; repetitions are about to commence. For us there will be something new this year, namely, written examinations in addition to the usual oral ones. Examinations begin on June 19 and end on June 29.

Gratifying Conversion — Partly through the influence of two Juniors, a return to the sacraments and to the church was lately affected when a certain resident of the valley made his Easter duties, after having been away for over forty years. The man is now happy, indeed, although he is threatened with death from heart trouble. Years ago, he left his home in Europe and came to America unaccompanied by either parents or friends. He neglected the sacraments chiefly

through lack of encouragement.

Death of Benefactor — Towards evening on Sunday, April 11, at the O'Connor Sanitarium in San Jose, died Mrs. P. O'Connor. The aged lady was attended by the chaplain, Father Walsh, and received at his hands the last sacraments. She died a beautiful death. Mrs. O'Connor has always been our benefactor and it was she who made possible the acquisition of the Guadalupe ranch, paying ten thousand on the original purchase of eighteen thousand dollars.

MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

Ministry — Father Menager gave the Lenten sermons Wednesday evenings, and Father Gianera the Sunday evenings at St. Patrick's, Hill-yard. For Holy Week and Easter, Father Galtes went to Harrison, Idaho; Fr. Menager to Missoula; Fr. Gianera to Portland; Fr. Chianale to Tacoma; Fathers Dinand and Galtes to Hillyard; Father Benn to Lewiston. He had not been feeling well for some time previously. While there, a rest of a few weeks in the hospital was advised. He is progressing nicely. Fr. Chianale is in charge of the Italians, since Father Pasino's death.

Holy Week — The full services of the Pasch were celebrated with great solemnity. The Gregorian Chant, so symbolic in its expression, was inspiring. The choral work was well rendered. Some of the harmonies, extremely difficult of execution, required much practice and precision. The Benedictus with its sad melody was beautiful. On Good Friday many went to St. Aloysius church for the Tre Hore, given by Father Dinand.

Visitation — Rev. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Socius arrived for visitation April 19; on April 30 they leave for Gonzaga.

Triduum — A triduum of Benedictions was offered in honor of St. Peter Canisius. A special invocation was recited to the Saint under his new title, declared by Our Holy Father, Pius XI, Doctor of the Universal church.

Academy — On the Feast of St. Thomas, the patron of philosophers, the Academy devoted to his name gave a very interesting program in Bellarmine Hall. The numbers were peculiarly Thomistic. The versa-

tile genius of the Saint was eulogized in poetry and prose; his own hymns were sung by the choir. Overture by the orchestra from Tannhauser. "Doctor Communis," Mr. L. Sullivan (Mo.); Jubilate Deo, quartet; "Doctor Eucharisticus," by Mr. Delaney (N. Y.); To St. Thomas (poem), by Mr. McKemie (Mo.); Panis Angelicus, solo and quartet; "The Infinitesimal Giant," by Mr. Hyland (N. Y.); War March of the Priests from the orchestra concluded the evening.

Spring Disputation — The last public disputation of the year was held April 24. Mr. Barton (Cal.) defended the freedom of the will against Mr. J. Coughlin (Cal.) and rejected Ontologism, proposed by Mr. Moreau (N. O.), as incompatible with reason and experience. Mr. J. Toomey (N. O.) maintained the repugnance of multilocation against Mr. McGarry (Can.); Mr. Toomey also distinguished the objections of Mr. McQuillan (Cal.) on Tempus. Fr. Chianale attacked the defender extra formam. A lively discussion ensued. His enthusiasm carried the defender beyond the language of the schools, and in his mother tongue he gained an advantage over the aggressor. A few added gestures and Fr. Chianale yielded to conviction. Mr. Delaney (N. Y.) defended the Scholastic doctrine on Universals, and the distinction between substance and accidents against Mr. Lynch (Cal.), and Mr. Fitzpatrick (Mo.), respectively. Mr. Rourke (Can.) gave a very entertaining lecture (illustrated) on "The Honey Bee."

Debate — April 14th witnessed a real treat. The Debating Society held its annual public debate. The question, "Resolved, That the prohibition amendment should remain," was happily chosen. Its present moment and popularity heightened the interest. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Delaney and Walsh; the negative by Messrs. Corkery and Fitzpatrick. Seven judges from among the Scholastics were appointed. The question was well handled. The arguments carefully prepared. The negative was sustained by a decision of six to one. The ethical principals, from which they drew their conclusions, were too formidable for the affirmative to overthrow. The rebuttal

was very animated.

Observation—The N. O. men were ordered by their Rev. Fr. Provincial to take up the observation classes in Gorzaga.

Departure — Mr. McTague of the Canadian Province, being unable to attend classes for some time on account of ill health, was advised to return to Regina. Br. G. Feltes left for Clear Lake to make preparations for the vacations at the new villa.

ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Champions — St. Ignatius High School has the unique distinction of being the first high school in San Francisco ever to win the State basketball championship. Having won the San Francisco title in the 145-pound division, the team was entered in State competition, and marched through every description of basketball opposition until they met and decisively defeated the Lemoore Union High School team, playing at Lemoore, near Fresno, Calif. The Lemoore team had captured the Southern California championship, while St. Ignatius had, by a series of victories, won the Northern title.

Prospects—The Novena to St. Joseph, preached by Father Culligan, has had an excellent attendance. The intention uppermost in the minds of all at St. Ignatius, is the building of the new College, for which intention also the boys at the school, led daily by the teachers, are offering their Novena prayers. All the religious communities in the vicinity at Fr. Rector's request, joined in the Novena for our new College.

Clear Lake — Work in getting ready for the summer is progressing rapidly at the new Villa Loyola, where Fr. Flaherty is in charge as Superior. Mr. Clausing, Brothers Maguire and G. Feltes, together with two externs make up Fr. Flaherty's community at present. A refectory, chapel, kitchen, etc., are in course of construction.

Closing — For various reasons, among them the equalizing of semester weeks, as well as to afford a better opportunity to our boys of obtaining summer work, the College will close this year on May 26th instead of on June 7th, as formerly. The Baccalaureate Sermon this year will probably be preached by Monsignor Gleason of Palo Alto, an alumnus of St. Ignatius.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Jubilee Program—The final plans for the Diamond Jubilee celebration have at last been completed and published, and call for two weeks of festivities. Friday, May 14th, is the opening date, and on that day will be held the first production of the Jubilee play, "The Weaver of Tarsus." Saturday and Sunday, the 15th and 16th, will also witness the production of this newest work of Clay M. Green's pen. Friday, the 21st, Saturday, the 22nd, and Sunday, the 23rd, will be the dates of the Festival of Roses, the feature of which will be the illumination of the campus and buildings. On Sunday, the 23rd, the Alumni will receive General Communion in their respective parishes. On Monday will be a Mass for the deceased members of the Faculty, Alumni, and Benefactors of the University. Hotel Vendome will be the place of the Jubilee ball on Tuesday, May 25. The Baccalaureate Mass is to be said in the Old Mission church, on Saturday, the 29th, while Sunday, the 30th, the closing day, will start with a Solemn High Mass in the Old Mission Gardens. At 2:30 the Dedication of the new Donohoe Memorial Infirmary is to take place, followed by the Commencement Exercises. The day will close with the Annual Alumni Meeting and the Alumni Banquet.

Auditorium Progressing — With the exception of a few electrical installations, the stage of the new auditorium has been completed and the rehearsals for the Jubilee play are taking place there daily. There still remains some work to be done in the main part of the building, but everything will be finished in ample time for the opening night of the "Weaver of Tarsus."

New Department — In order that Santa Clara may be lacking in none of the essentials of a first-class university, a further step in expansion will be taken with the introduction of a School of Education. This branch, which will be formally opened in August, will enable the students to obtain Teachers' Certificates in any state high school or junior college. The requirements are four years' work in the undergraduate department and an extra year of graduate work. There will be two branches of education, acad-

emic and physical. At present, Santa Clara is looking for a man to take charge of the department of physical education.

New Equipment—A good-sized hydraulic plant has been recently installed in the Montgomery laboratories and fills a long-felt want in the engineering equipment. The apparatus is used for the testing of the laws of hydraulics, and for the calibration of water meters and other hydraulic apparatus. The cost of the apparatus alone was in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars.

New opportunities were offered to the engineers with the announcement of the Westinghouse Electric Co. that they would take three of the Senior Engineers each year and give them a year's work in their Pennsylvania laboratories.

New Parish Church—Work has been started on a new parish church which will be built on the site of the old parochial school next to Sodality Hall. The present Mission church will be remodeled for the Students' Chapel, while the old Chapel, which was completed in 1888, will be torn down to make room on the campus.

Provincials' Meeting—The annual conference of the Provincials of the Society of Jesus in America will be held this year at Santa Clara on May 31st, the day after the closing of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. This will be the first time this meeting has been held in the West.

Death of Benefactress—On April 11th, Mrs. A. O'Conner, aged ninety, died at the O'Conner Sanitarium in San Jose. Both she and her husband have done much for Catholic charities all over the United States. Besides building the O'Conner Hall at Santa Clara, and the O'Conner Sanitarium at San Jose, they contributed to the upbuilding and maintenance of St. Patrick's Seminary at Menlo Park; gave a home to the Sisters of Notre Dame; established a chair of Canon Law at the Catholic University; and gave to Trinity College at Washington a collection of rare art treasures which they had gathered abroad. Prayers are asked for the repose of Mrs. O'Conner's soul.

R. I. P.

U. S. C. PREP.

Blessing of New Building — On

March 20th, an entertainment in honor of Archbishop Hanna started the ceremonies of the blessing of the newly completed school building. At the conclusion of the festivities, the blessing itself took place, followed by out-of-door Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After this came the flag raising and the singing of the National Anthem. Among the visitors were Mr. Hancock, County Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Snyder, President of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce. Both pledged their support to the new school.

Devotions for St. Aloysius—A Novena of Exercises in honor of St. Aloysius, the Patron of Youth, took place from April 13th to 21st. On each day a number of papers in honor of the Saint were read, and on the last three days special sermons and ceremonies were had. The Novena closed with the blessing of the new statue of St. Aloysius and the consecration of the student body to his powerful patronage. At present plans are being made for daily devotions during the month of May.

Items of Interest—The orchestra and glee club have been making rapid progress and have been performing well at the several public functions which have taken place in the past few weeks. The quartet of the Glee club has entertained various clubs in San Jose and was well received.

Father Gaffney gave two illustrated lectures to the students, one on "The Tyrolese and Their Alpine Home," and the other, "At Home in Oberammergau."

The Junior Dramatic Society has scheduled a debate with St. Joseph's School of San Jose. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the meeting.

During Easter week, Father Cody was in Sonoma, Father Budde at Hayward, and Fathers Dillon and Gaffney in San Jose.

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

Debates—Debating on the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That the Constitution should be amended so as to give Congress the power to regulate child labor," the Gonzaga debaters won a unanimous decision over the California Institute of Technology. A large audience packed the gymnasium.

The Gonzaga House of Representatives' Debating Society won a victory over Wheaton College debating team of Wheaton, Ill., on Saturday, April '3. The forensic encounter was held in the Gonzaga auditorium. The question debated was the same as above. The true value of the victory will be better appreciated when the past achievements of the Wheaton team are considered. Both the speakers of Wheaton have been debating for several years, and almost invariably won the victory. The same question of "Child Labor" was argued in Open Forum style with the U. of Southern California in the Gonzaga gymnasium, on April 11th, and therefore in this debate no decision was rendered. Both sides were allowed two five-minute rebuttals with the first speaker of the affirmative concluding in an additional three-minute speech. The forum plan, which the Californians proposed as a substitution for a decision was new to Gonzaga. This system is used extensively in the southern and eastern states. It will require some time to educate the public to this new style of debating. Not one of the audience accepted the chairman's invitation to ask questions of the debaters.

Oratorical—On March 30th a very spirited Oratorical Contest for the College students, was held in the Gonzaga gymnasium. The contest, judged from the slight variance between the mark given the winner and the man with the least number of points, was one of the most interesting which has been held for a number of years. Each teacher had carefully prepared the representative of his class.

The competitive oratorical contest among the High School students for the first place in the high schools of the county, took place in our gymnasium on April 14th. Gonzaga High School came out second, and hence is excluded from further competition.

Play—The Gonzaga High School Dramatic Society, of which Mr. J. Connolly is the moderator, presented the attractive comedy, "Twenty-Four Hours," in the gymnasium, on April 16th. The large auditorium was packed with appreciating friends of the students. Mr. Connolly deserves great credit for his effort. He had to shape material that was

more than raw to begin with, but nothing daunted, he set to work with commendable energy, with the result that his youthful actors met with an unqualified success.

High School—The High School is coming to the front. The students, under the direction of Mr. C. Kavanagh, are working hard in preparation of their first Annual. To secure the financial success of the undertaking the work was begun only after a sufficient number of subscriptions had been collected.

Hitherto Gonzaga's musical organizations have been made up of high school and college students. Now the high school is to have an orchestra of its own. Early in the fourth quarter a summons was sent out for musical talent and a surprisingly large number answered the call. Professor Orion has selected from these the most promising candidates and has organized an orchestra of thirty pieces.

Chapel—The students' chapel has recently been enriched by the installation of a new golden tabernacle which was made to order by the DePrato Manufacturing Co. of Chicago. The construction is of solid steel, both fire and burglar proof. It weighs over 200 pounds and cost \$260.00. The golden door is rich in symbolism representing the elements of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, with two adoring angels guarding the entrance. The hinges of the door are invisible, and by means of a new device, the opening of one-half of the door automatically operates the other for closing and opening. A distinctive feature of the tabernacle is its noiseless operation in the adjustment of the double door.

Missions — The Alaska mission drive was a wonderful success. Mr. F. Rouleau, the principal worker in the undertaking, announced that self-denial subscriptions from college and high school students, have brought the goodly sum of \$240.00. It is agreed that the Gonzaga Alaska Mission drive in its successful termination, compares favorably with similar undertakings in other American Catholic colleges.

West Pointer — John McFarland, Gonzaga H. S. graduate '23, has finished a third successful year at West Point. John left Gonzaga with such creditable marks that he was admitted to West Point without ex-

aminations. Since his entry he has not taken an examination, due to the high average he has attained in his studies.

ST. ANDREW'S, PENDLETON

The Sisters' School at the Umatilla Mission, was completely destroyed by fire on the night of April 21st and one of the Sisters lost her life.

The children were asleep in their dormitories, some of the Sisters were up sewing and darning until 10:30, when one of them went to put out a kerosene lamp in the corridor of the second floor near the main stairway. The lamp exploded and instantly the floor and papered walls were a mass of flames. The alarm was sounded immediately and all the children (50 girls and 25 small boys) were hurried to the laundry back of the burning building, whence they witnessed the destruction of their happy home. The heat became so intense that their temporary refuge, only sixty feet away, seemed doomed to certain destruction. All realized the imminent danger and all as if by common instinct knelt down and suppliantly implored the Lord to save them and began the beads, whereupon, a Providential shower began to fall, which greatly consoled them as they were only half clad and had left the building in such a hurry that not even a blanket could be carried out. The Fathers and a few neighbors had come over on the first alarm, but the fire had got so much headway that it was impossible to save even the least article and this will work a great hardship as all the supplies of food, clothing, etc., were stored in the basement. The wind soon carried the fire across to the exhibition hall in front of the school and this, too, was completely destroyed.

An aged and infirm Sister (Lucretia), who for over thirty years had generously slaved in behalf of the Mission, was trapped in the Sisters' quarters on the second floor. Being crippled with rheumatism she worked her way over to one of the windows, opened it and sat on the sill awaiting rescue. In the excitement she lost her balance, fell out on the board sidewalk, sustained a fractured skull and died instantly. May the good Lord, whom she served

so faithfully have mercy on her soul.

DESMET, IDAHO

Father Taelman, preaching in the Indian tongue, gave a mission to the Coeur d'Alene Indians, beginning Sunday, March 14th, and ending on St. Joseph's day. There was a sermon at the 6:30 Mass, Stations at 1:15 and a sermon and benediction at 4:15. Some of our good people would attend a day or two, then return home to care for their stock and come back again to finish the mission. Putting the eternal truths before them has renewed their fervor and produced fruit that will continue.

Spring work on the farm has started in full force; some seeding will be started Holy Week.

The new missionary movement is producing results of which Desmet is the beneficiary; the girls' school especially has been helped this year by substantial sums of money.

ARLINGTON, CALIF.

A regimental parade was held at eleven o'clock on Thursday morning in honor of Right Reverend Bishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles. Bishop Cantwell, together with Mr. Conser and Mr. Ellis, reviewed the Indian troop and afterwards were guests at a dinner given by Fr. McAstocker in his honor. Visiting priests were: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Fitzgerald of Redlands, Fr. Provincial O. F. M. Fr. O'Shea of Pomona, Fr. Matthews of Elsinore, Fr. Keating of Riverside, Fr. Kern of San Jacinto, Fr. Villanova of Riverside, Fr. Justin of Banning, Fr. Ruddin of Redlands, and Fr. Blackmore of Hollywood.

The Bishop confirmed one hundred and forty Indian children and some twenty Mexicans. His Lordship was very much pleased with the wonderful reception given him by the good people of the parish and especially by the good way the children were trained. After the ceremony the Bishop gave a little informal talk to the members of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Workers who have so ably assisted Fr. McAstocker.

St. Stanislaus, Cleveland, O.

April 16, '26.

To the Rev. Editor: P. C.

A brief account of the Tertian

house fire will, no doubt, be of interest to the readers.

The members of the community were just finishing their meditation and prayers after Mass on the morning of April 12th, when smoke was noticed coming through the ceiling of the chapel from the attic above. Hurrying to the attic we found it dense with black smoke. It was impossible to discern anything through the smoke beyond the rim of flame near the threshold of the northern attic door and an occasional dull flash a few feet away. The fire must have been making headway for about an hour.

The Tertians set about checking the progress of the fire until the firemen should arrive. Buckets were the only means, and, though it was clear that very little good could be done, we kept at it to do our little best. After fifteen minutes the Parma combination engine and hose cart arrived and got into action. Just as the hoses were brought into play, the engine went dead. About ten minutes later when the flames were breaking out of the attic windows and mounting the two towers on the brick building, two companies of the Cleveland fire department arrived. By the time they were working in full force, the flames were making their way into the floor below the attic, and into the chapel. Meanwhile the Blessed Sacrament, all the altar appurtenances and the Procurator's valuables were carried out.

Suddenly the tank in the south tower, released by its burnt wooden supports, shot down the shaft below to the basement, carrying down the staircase, and buried eight ascending firemen. All the other firemen rushed to the rescue. The trapped men were brought out after half an hour. They were quite badly hurt, two very seriously, and were hurried to the hospital.

The firemen again gave their attention to the fire, which now had deleted the attic and gutted the floor below. The flaming chapel roof had collapsed and was turning the place into a furnace. The firemen feared to enter the building again and fought on methodically from the outside. After five hours the fire was declared out.

In brief the effects were: Wooden frame wing, one-fourth of the build-

ing, was untouched. In the brick building: attic gone; floor below and towers gutted; remaining floors below that, soaked with water; interior of chapel completely destroyed.

The nine Tertians living on the floor below the attic saved very little, being prevented by the smoke.

The Tertianship is being finished at Campion College, Prairie du Chien.

Respectfully yours in the Sacred Heart.

FR. FABRIS, S. J.

EL RETIRO SAN INIGO

The retreat over Holy Week was conducted by Fr. Edward Menager, assisted by Fr. Giacobbi. Fifteen men were in attendance, including the President and Vice-President of our Retreat Association. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, explanations of the liturgy for Holy Week were given in the early morning hours.

The Fathers are often called to give tridua elsewhere. Thus Father Menager conducted a retreat in French at the Helpers of the Holy Souls Convent in San Francisco. He also preached the annual retreat to the students at Notre Dame, Belmont. Father Giacobbi is much in demand but owing to a severe bronchitis has had to remain quiet during the winter. He is now well and busy. Father Superior has given several retreats in colleges and academies.

Our work is growing steadily but slowly. It is sometimes said that we could easily treble our attendance if we shortened the period of retreat. But we feel that this would be a grave mistake. Three days are little enough.

Many of the pastors of San Francisco and vicinity have invited us to speak in their churches on the retreat movement. Several priests have already found their way to San Inigo and have made retreats ranging from three to eight days.

Echoes of the dinner for Retreatants held at the Stewart hotel in San Francisco last January still reach us. His Grace, Archbishop Hanna, pronounced the meeting "The most spiritual gathering of Laymen he had ever attended." About 150 were present.